

Section 2: Babylonia and Assyria  
The Fertile Crescent

## Reading Readiness Guide

### Anticipation Guide

How much do you think you know about Babylonia and Assyria? As your teacher reads the statements, mark whether you think each statement is true (T) or false (F) in the Me column. Then discuss your answers with your group and mark the group's decision in the Group column. As you read, look for information that will clarify whether the statements are true or false.

After you read the section, read the statements again and mark the After Reading column to indicate whether they are true or false.

Before Reading		Statements	After Reading
Me	Group		
		1. After winning a war, rulers in the ancient empire of Mesopotamia could feel secure.	
		2. The Babylonians and Assyrians of Mesopotamia did not value culture and learning.	
		3. Asia Minor was located in the present-day country of Japan.	
		4. In the bazaars, or markets, of Babylonia, you could buy things such as cotton cloth from India and spices from Egypt.	
		5. The most feared part of the Assyrian army was the armed charioteers who slashed their way through the enemy.	
		6. Astronomers during the New Babylonian Empire were able to measure the length of a year within a few minutes from the length modern scientists have calculated.	

